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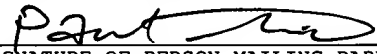
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2003, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 88-91 are pending in the above-identified application. Applicant has reviewed the grounds of rejection in the Office Action mailed August 11, 2003, and respectfully traverse all grounds for the reasons that follow.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 88-91 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by United States patent No. 5,223,409, to Ladner et al.. In this regard, the Office Action maintains the rejection of record and asserts several points generally in support of the Office's position that